THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) It is the constant endeavaour of Doordarshan to telecast programmes which propagate high social values combined with wholesome entertainment. All the programmes/advertisements telecast on Doordarshan are previewed before telecast in accordance with the provisions of Doordarshan's Broadcast and Advertisement Code, to ensure that they are suitable for family viewing. The programmes and advertisements of all channels transmitted through the cable network are required to conform to the Programme and Advertisement Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules made thereunder, which contain suitable provisions addressing these concerns.

Transmission of programmes by AIR, Trichur

1292. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a popular programme titled "Vardhamanam" transmitted by All India Radio, Trichur Station in Kerala has been stopped;

(b) if, so the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said programme has violated the guidelines and code of AIR;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Prasar Bharati Corporation will review it's decision so as to start the programme again?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati has informed that they had received some coomplaints about the programme "Vardhamanam" broadcast by AIR, Trichur. Consequently, the broadcast of this programme has been stopped.

(e) There is no proposal at present to recommence this programme.